

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE paragraph [0039] with the following paragraph:

[0039] A connecting hole blockage preventing structure 200 is disposed under the intermediate partition 183 in which a connecting hole 189 connects the ink chamber 160a and the negative pressure generating chamber 160b to each other and includes an ink supply groove 188. As the ink is consumed, an ink level 186 in the negative pressure generating chamber 160b reaches an upper end of the air supply groove 188 formed in the intermediate partition 183. The connecting hole blockage preventing structure 200 provides first and second air liquid transfer spaces S and Sa, as shown in FIG. 5, around the connecting hole 189 as the negative pressure generating medium 184 expands in the negative pressure generating chamber 160b.